

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A portioning apparatus has a first and second conveyor in close association with a chamber housing. A third perforated belt conveyor is trained on the chamber housing.

- 3 5 The chamber housing further has a vacuum portion and a pressure portion. Workpieces are picked up by the vacuum portion from the first conveyor and carried by the third conveyor past a cutter that cuts the workpiece to a desired thickness and then delivers the workpiece to the second conveyor. The workpieces are ejected onto the second conveyor by the pressure section of the chamber housing.